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STATE OF MICHIGAN



JAMES J. BLANCHARD, Governor

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

GORDON GUYER, DIRECTOR
District 12 Headquarters
P.O. Box 355, Plainwell, Michigan 49080

January 29, 1987

Paul Marshall
Michigan Standard Alloys
1256 Milton
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5



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Dear Mr. Marshall:

This letter confirms our meeting on Friday January 16, 1987. My visit was based on your phone calls advising me of a suspected leaking underground tank. The tank was being removed upon my arrival and it was evident that there had been some leakage. The evidence of this, of course, was the presence of contaminated soils and product floating on the groundwater.

I noted that MSA had taken fast, appropriate action to recover what product was readily accessible and had contacted Abonmarche Engineering, a local consulting firm.

I am requiring MSA to provide the Michigan Department of Natural Resources with a plan that will outline the approach to determine the horizontal and vertical extent of groundwater contamination for my approval. Please present this report to my attention by Friday, February 20, 1987. I'm sure Abonmarche will be of great help in the preparation of this plan.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation in this matter. Please feel free to contact me if I can be of any assistance throughout this process.

Sincerely,

GROUNDWATER QUALITY DIVISION

Paul Massoth
Plainwell District
616-685-9886

PM:cs

cc: T. Work

Person Receiving Complaint R. Prassoff Incident Number _____
Date Complaint Received 1/9/87 Time Complaint Received 4:30 PM
Complaint Forwarded to: Name Not Forwarded Division _____
Information Source: Name Paul Marshall Phone 926-1161
Address 1256 Milton Barton Herken
or: Anonymous _____

Complaint: Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____ County Berrien

Complaint Content: Source Contained _____ Uncontained ☒ Unknown _____ N/A _____

Discovered leaking tank, advised they empty immediately (they did) and pull tank, they will call when tank is pulled

Response Priority: Immediate _____ Next Working Day _____ Next Time in Area ☒
When Time Permits _____ No Response Needed _____
Referred to other Division/Department _____

Response Follow-up: Date 1/16/87 Pictures - ☒ Yes / ☐ No Samples - Yes ☒ / No ☐

After tank was pulled, they installed oil absorbent pads and contacted a consultant (Abonmarche) for further action

Reached one or more of the following resolutions: (circle where applicable)

1. There is no potential for adversely impacting the waters of the state or the environment, and/or threat to the environment is not greater than the risk to public health a clean-up would incur.
2. The contaminant has been removed to background levels.
3. The site/incident has been or will be in litigation with referral.
4. The site/incident has been or will be an Act 307 or Superfund site.
5. The site/incident has been determined to be cleaned up enough such that degradation of the groundwaters has been mitigated or has not and will not occur, and the liable party has appealed to the Department that further action is not necessary with the concurrence of the appointed authority.

6. This site is continuing with unknown disposition

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK FAILURES

Name of Incident Michigan Hardland Alloys

Location 1236 Milton, Benton Harbor

Approximate date of Installation Unknown

Type of Failure Presumed hole

How failure was discovered Filled tank and noticed
sudden loss

Type of Business Zinc die casting

Owner/Operator manager paul L Marshall

Nature of problem caused by failure Groundwater contamination
of unknown extent

Method of Resolution Referred them to a consultant

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